

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 20 as follows:

The substrate 18 may comprise a laser source 40 that generates and emits the laser radiation that is substantially optically transparent to the laser radiation of the given wavelength. For example, the laser source 40 may be comprise, *inter alia*, a Vertical Cavity Surface Emitting Laser (VCSEL) which emits the laser wavelength in a range of 780 to 1550 nanometers (e.g., 980 nanometers) from a region within the substrate 18. Said region within the substrate 18 may comprise the back surface 24 of the substrate 18. [[.]] A VCSEL is a specialized laser diode emitting laser radiation perpendicular to the back surface 24 and offers low power consumption and overall improved efficiency as compared with conventional edge-emitting laser diodes. The substrate 18 is substantially optically transparent to said laser radiation in an optical path in the substrate 18 between the VCSEL 40 and the front surface 26 25 of the substrate 18 (see, e.g., optical path 26 in FIG. 4, discussed *infra*).